



Town of Middletown ♦ 7875 Church Street ♦ Middletown, VA ♦ (540) 869-2226 ♦ Volume 10, Issue 4 ♦ July 15, 2018

From the Mayor

Charles H. Harbaugh, IV

Please join us for our 2nd Annual Patriot's Pride Day hosted by the Town of Middletown and Colonel James Wood, II Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. The event will be held at the Middletown Veteran's Memorial located on the south end of town on July 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

I would like to invite the entire community to our 8th Annual Car & Truck show on Sunday August 19, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. located on Historic Main Street. Rain date will be Sunday August 26, 2018.

We had another successful 4th of July event even though it “rained on our parade”. I would like to thank everyone that came out and weathered the storm and supported the event. Thank you to our sponsors, the 4th of July committee who as always goes above and beyond to put everything together, our maintenance department for all their hard work and effort and all those who volunteered their time to make the event a success.

Last but not least the Town of Middletown will again graciously host NW Works 3rd Annual Farm to Table on September 9, 2018. Road closure for this event will affect Main Street at Second & Third. For details and to purchase your tickets please visit NW Work's website at www.nwworks.com or by calling 540-667-0809.

From the Police Chief

Gary Benedict Jr.

Just a reminder if you have police matters please do not call the Town office staff. This creates confusion, possible miscommunications and takes up unnecessary time in having an officer respond to the complaint. For all non emergency police issues please contact the Middletown Police Department directly Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 540-868-0535. Only leave a voice message at the Middletown Police Department, if the return call is for administrative or information only.

All non life threatening matters which require an officer please contact Frederick County non emergency dispatch at 540-662-6162. If you have an emergency please call 911. All calls for service must first go through Frederick County dispatch. Frederick County dispatch will contact the officer/deputy on duty who will be handling the complaint. This will ensure that all calls are handled properly and in an efficient & timely manner.

From the Town Manager/Treasurer

Rebecca Layman

The Town office has officially moved back to Church Street. Please make sure you update your records of the address change to ensure we receive all correspondence and payments in a timely manner. Please feel free to come by and tour the new facilities at your leisure.

The Middletown Police Department remained at the Main Street location. For police questions and concerns please visit the Main Street office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or call 540-868-0585.

We have hired a new Waste Water Operator who comes to us with a plethora of experience. He comes highly recommended by Peed & Bortz, LLC. | Environmental & Civil Engineers. We are delighted to have such knowledge among us. Please welcome Alan Wolverton to the Town of Middletown Maintenance Department.

From the Zoning Administrator

Michele Snyder

Please remember when mowing your grass to NOT leave grass clippings or debris on the sidewalk or streets. This is for the safety of our motor cyclists along with water runoff and clogging the storm drains. (Middletown Town Code § 6-1)

When out on your summer walks with “Fido” please be considerate and pickup waste. It is unlawful to allow feces deposited by his/her animal to remain on any public highway, street, sidewalk, part of other public property, or on private property without written consent of the owner thereof or his agent.

Penalty – Any person who knowingly violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a littering infraction and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$25.00 per occurrence. (Middletown Town Code § 3-8)

Any summer projects that might be underway may need a Zoning Permit. Please feel free to stop in to discuss if a permit is necessary as this will assure that nothing is built on an existing easement as well as getting the necessary inspections.

Signage cannot be placed in any State-maintained right of way. State-maintained right of way is property along a roadway on either side. This area does not belong to individual property owners. It must be kept clear for motorist safety and so road crews have room to work. (VA State Code § 33.2-1224)

If you are planning to have a yard sale please make sure you get your yard sale permit with the exception of 24 hours before the Route 11 Yard Crawl on August 11, 2018. Have a safe and happy summer.

From the Clerk

Christina Smith

When you buy, trade, sell or dispose of a vehicle you must notify Frederick County 540-665-5681 extension 1. The Town of Middletown receives all billing information from Frederick County therefore they must have the correct information on file in order for the Town of Middletown to bill you correctly.

Please update your contact information with the Town office. Telephone numbers are very important to the Town staff in case we need to contact you in the event of an emergency.

All utility payments are due by the due date indicated and, if late, penalties will be applied. If the bill is not paid in full by the cut-off date, service will be disconnected for non-payment and there will be a \$100.00 cut-off/on fee added to your bill. Only those individuals with bona fide emergencies will be considered on a case-by-case basis for a ONE-TIME deferment. There will be no payment arrangements. If you have any question regarding this policy please contact the Town Clerk 540-869-2226 ext. 1

For information regarding the Town of Middletown please visit the Town’s website www.middletownva.gov

From the Maintenance Department

Please make sure the water meter in your yard is free and clear at all times. This is the property owner/tenant's responsibility. The meter should never be covered by any type of over growth including but not limited to; grass, weeds, bushes, vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. This can cause serious problems in the event of an emergency if we are unable to find and/or access the meter. The meter should be visible and most importantly easy to access. Please take the time to make sure the water meter in your yard is accessible.

Please take time to review the guidelines for yard waste. **We will no longer pick up any yard waste that does not meet the required guidelines.** Yard waste collection will be every Monday, and must be placed curbside by 7:30 a.m. Yard waste consists of grass trimmings and leaves which CANNOT weigh more than 40 lbs. Branches or twigs can be **NO LONGER** than four (4) feet in length and **NO LARGER** than two (2) inches in diameter and must be **tied in bundles** (no wire or plastic string). Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable or paper yard waste bags only **NO PLASTIC BAGS**. Yard waste should not be placed curbside until the morning of collection. This helps keep the community neat and free of clutter.

If you notice a street light out please contact the Public Works Department at 540-869-7731. Please provide the following information. Your name, your phone number, the street light address and the pole number if possible. We will then contact Rappahannock Electric regarding the outage.

Middletown Veterans Memorial

Raymond Steele

I would like to thank everyone that attended our Wreath Laying & Recognition Memorial Day Ceremony. We had many come out for the event and were blessed with beautiful weather. We will host our Veterans Day Ceremony again on Veterans Day this year. Please look for details in the upcoming newsletter.

There are still plenty of bricks for purchase. It makes the perfect gift to honor that special someone who has served. We are indebted to those brave men and women who have served and those that are still serving our great country. This is truly a wonderful way to honor those that have fought for our freedom.

We will continue to install bricks twice a year as we receive orders. Please come out and support the memorial by purchasing a brick or by making a donation. All donations are appreciated. God Bless you.

Middletown Heritage Society

Tess Klimm

The Middletown Heritage Society meets the second Thursday of every month at 12 noon at the Wayside Inn. Everyone is welcome. RSVPs are appreciated but not necessary.

In October John Adamson from Strasburg will talk about historic barns. Other meetings we will be discussing the preservation of Middletown's history and planning and December's Merrimint festivities. For more information please contact Tess Klimm 540-869-2964

Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

Bingo is every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. held in the Fire Department Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Concession is sold by the Company Auxiliary. Smoke free facilities. Come out and support your fire company.

We Need Volunteers Like YOU!

We are looking for Middletown residents to join the Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company.

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer: Fire/EMS, grant writing, buildings and grounds, equipment maintenance, fundraising and much more!

Requirements:

- at least 16 years of age
- Fingerprinted and able to pass a criminal background check
- Firefighter and/or EMS training and equipment is provided, if desired
- No previous experience is needed

Please visit www.middletownfire.com for more information.

Calendar of Events

July

July 21 – 2nd Annual Patriot's Pride Day 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

July 23 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August

August 6 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 11 – Route 11 Yard Crawl

August 13 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 19 – 8th Annual Car & Truck Show 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

August 27 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September

September 3 – Labor Day – Town office closed

September 4 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 10 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 24 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

